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In re Application of:
Li, et. al.

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 25, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 25, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/3786.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: